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Applicant : Kimihiro Yamashita  
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Filing Date : March 23, 2000  
Confirm. No. : 1126  
For : METHOD FOR CONTROLLING ORGANISMS AND MATERIAL  
THEREFOR, METHOD FOR SELECTIVE ADSORPTION OF PROTEINS  
AND MATERIAL THEREFOR, CEMENT MATERIAL AND  
BIOMATERIAL

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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UNDER 37 CFR §1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants brings to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the filing date of the above-referenced application but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

A copy of the listed document is submitted herewith along with Form PTO-1449. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed document and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language document.

1. Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. Heisei 10(1998)-324584 discloses that a ceramic, an inorganic material, having affinity to biomaterials which is obtained by treating a ceramic by polarization can be used as a tooth material to reinforce or replace a tooth and increases the growth rate of crystals similar to bone materials.

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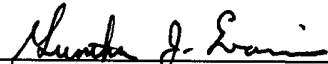
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Respectfully submitted,  
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